

## RESOLUTION - DRAFT 1

### Opposition to "Limit on Marriage" Amendment

Whereas, the California State Supreme Court has ruled that gay and lesbian couples are entitled to the same rights, responsibilities and benefits currently enjoyed by heterosexual couples; and,

Whereas, marriage celebrates the love and commitment shared by all couples regardless of sexual orientation; and,

Whereas, the Legislature for the State of California has twice passed bills granting equal marriage rights to gay and lesbian couples; and,

Whereas, the Governor publicly states that he supports the State Supreme Court's decision; and,

Whereas, an Amendment to the State Constitution, entitled "Limit on Marriage", will appear on the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 ballot; and,

Whereas, additional ballot measures are being circulated to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman and would also prohibit civil unions, domestic partnerships and similar relationship recognitions; and,

Whereas, a "Limit on Marriage" amendment would codify discrimination by defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman; and,

Whereas, a "Limit on Marriage" amendment may void the State Supreme Court's decision; and,

Whereas, a "Limit on Marriage" amendment would enact discrimination towards San Jose residents by denying them equal marriage rights; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Human Rights Commission of the City of San Jose opposes the "Limit on Marriage" amendment and any proposed legislation which denies equal marriage rights to gay and lesbian couples; and,

Further Resolved, we respectfully ask the Mayor and the San Jose City Council to publicly and privately opposed the "Limit on Marriage" amendment and any legislation which would deny gay and lesbian couples equal marriage rights; and,

Further Resolved, we encourage all members of the public to oppose this amendment and vote "no" on this or any similar proposition should it appear on a state ballot; and,

Further Resolved, we commend The Honorable California State Supreme Court Justices Joyce Kennard, Carlos Moreno, Kathryn Werdegar and Chief Justice Ronal George for exhibiting significant courage and wisdom through their support of equal marriage rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

**RESOLUTION - DRAFT 2**  
**Opposition to Limits on Marriage**

Whereas, the California State Supreme Court has ruled that all individuals are entitled to the same rights, responsibilities and benefits created by civil marriage,

Whereas, civil marriage celebrates the love and commitment shared by all couples regardless of sexual orientation or gender; and,

Whereas, the Legislature for the State of California has twice passed bills granting equal access and rights to civil marriage for all couples; and,

Whereas, the Governor publicly opposes adding any discriminatory language to the States Constitution based on reaction to State Supreme Court's decision; and,

~~Whereas, passage of Proposition 8 would codify discrimination into our state Constitution; and,~~

Whereas, The State Constitution should not posses any discriminatory language directed at any resident of California or the City of San Jose by denying them equal access or rights; now, therefore, be it

Be it resolved, the Human Rights Commission of the City of San Jose opposes any amendment or proposed legislation which denies equal access and rights to all individuals or couples; and,

Further Resolved, we respectfully ask the Mayor, the San Jose City Council, and members of the public to publicly oppose any legislation which would place discriminatory language into our State Constitution.

**RESOLUTION - DRAFT 3**  
**Opposition to Proposition 8**

Whereas, the California State Supreme Court has ruled that all individuals are entitled to the same rights, responsibilities and benefits created by civil marriage,

Whereas, civil marriage celebrates the love and commitment shared by all couples regardless of sexual orientation or gender; and,

Whereas, the Legislature for the State of California has twice passed bills granting equal access and rights to civil marriage for all couples; and,

Whereas, the Governor publicly opposes adding any discriminatory language to the States Constitution based on reaction to State Supreme Court's decision; and,

Whereas, passage of Proposition 8 would codify discrimination into our state Constitution; and,

Whereas, The State Constitution should not possess any discriminatory language directed at any resident of California or the City of San Jose by denying them equal access or rights; now, therefore, be it

Be it resolved, the Human Rights Commission of the City of San Jose opposes any amendment or proposed legislation which denies equal access and rights to all individuals or couples; and,

Further Resolved, we respectfully ask the Mayor, the San Jose City Council, and members of the public to publicly oppose Proposition 8 and any legislation which would place discriminatory language into our State Constitution.

